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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST (DR. JANOS PATAKI)

REF: STATE 159923; BERN 2781

FOR INGERSOLL FROM AMBASSADOR BLACK

1. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE CASE OF HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO ACCRA JANOS PATAKI, HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS, WHO HAVE REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. ALTHOUGH SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF MY MISSION HERE REQUIRES THAT I NOT REPEAT NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN THE DEFECTION EFFORT, I KNOW AMBASSADOR PATAKI AND WOULD URGE U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REQUEST.

3. I AM AWARE THAT OVERALL CONSIDERATIONS OF DETENTE WITH THE EAST BLOC MAY WELL COUNSEL WEIGHING U.S. NET GAIN AGAINST POTENTIAL LOST IN OUR PRESENT DELICATE RELATIONS WITH THE BLOC. I AM ALSO AWARE OF HIGHER HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, JUST AS IMPORTANT, AND JUST AS POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE, WHICH WEIGH ON THE SIDE OF FAVORABLE ACTION.

4. IN MY OPINION, THE DELAY OF NEARLY TEN DAYS SINCE HIS INITIAL REQUEST FOR ASYLUM TO THE SWISS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES PUTS HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN DANGER; HE WAS EXPECTED IN BUDAPEST

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ON JULY 4.

5. AMERICA HAS EARNED THE HOPE AND RESPECT OF THE UNHAPPY  
PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WHO WISH TO ENJOY FREEDOM IN OUR COUNTRY,  
AND WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SHELTER BY OUR GOVERNMENT.

6.DURING OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY IT SEEMS MORE THAN APPROPRIATE  
THAT WE ACCEPT THE HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY AND  
GIVE THEM THE FREEDOM FROM COMMUNISM WHICH THEY SO DESPERATELY  
SEEK.  
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